

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010

The combined donations from IDOC to the Haiti Relief Fund totaled \$11,016.95! Non-perishable items were also donated.

Indiana lawmakers hosted a baby shower at the Indiana Women's Prison's for the Wee Ones Nursery Program, where members of the Legislative POWER Group presented donations of infant supplies collected by Indiana legislators.

The Miami Correctional Facility's SITCON team returned from training and competition in San Marcos, Texas. The team consists of Steve Smith, Team Leader, Cheryl Ash, Chris Weidner, Chris Ertel, Rita Beemer, Vincent Wolf. Also attending were Kevin DuVall from Logansport Juvenile and Dean McCaleb from Fort Wayne Juvenile.

Indiana State Prison was approved to use new equipment called B.O.S.S. (Body Orifice Security Scanner), an efficient, non-intrusive, high sensitivity detector designed to detect metal objects hidden in body cavities. It is commonly used in correctional facilities to scan for hidden weapons and contraband.

IDOC Director of Field Audits Ronald Allen, his staff, and other personnel from the Department conducted an ACA Internal Audit at the Pendleton Correctional Facility on February 8th, 9th, and 10th. The Facility scored 100% on the Mandatory Standards and 98.6% on the Non-Mandatory Standards.

Pendleton Juvenile's PLUS unit held a walkathon for Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers food drive. Staff sponsored the students to raise money and canned goods for this worthy cause.

Staff at Putnamville Correctional Facility gave 25 units of blood to the Indiana Blood Center during a blood drive coordinated by Tonya Morris.

This week at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility students participated in an off grounds trip to the Madison Animal Shelter and the Recreation Department had a Safety Award Party for Unit 5 for the least amount of Injury Incidents.

The Indiana National Guard (ING) has once again reached out to the Westville Correctional Facility for help at their armory in Michigan City. The Guard uses Level 1 Offenders for maintenance and custodial services. Captain Nance, of the ING expressed gratitude and states the Guard has come to rely and depend on the services rendered by the facility.

Physical Plant staff, Cliff Anderson and Roger Boillard, represented Putnamville Correctional Facility at a Sustainability Expo held at DePauw University. The PCF booth displayed pictures and info regarding the windmill and bio-mass boiler.

Today, the Correctional Industrial Facility is preparing for a special visit from Arjia Rinpoche, Director of Tibetan Cultural Center, and Appointee of his Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. The full entourage will also include Attendant Chunpay, Secretary Mary Pattison, Venerable Bhante Kantasilo, Ron and Stephanie Grissom.

Pendleton Juvenile's Future Soldier Program did push ups to raise money and food items for Hoosier's Helping Hoosiers. Staff are sponsoring the students in this endeavor.

Indiana State Prison's American Legion Post 130 and the Jaycees donated \$1,000 each to the relief for Haiti. The Organic Farmers at ISP donated \$500 and ISP's Continuing Education Counsel donated \$500.

Rockville Correctional Facility held a Subway sandwich sale for the Rockville Elementary School Student Council. It raised funds to assist a local family purchase an assisted living dog for their child. The sale raised \$1,120.

A Black History Program was conducted for offenders at Pendleton Correctional Facility and approximately 75 offenders attended. IDOC Islamic Religious Services Coordinator Ismail Abdul Aleem was the guest speaker.

Wabash Valley SITCON members held a prize drawing to help fund training activities. Over \$250 was raised and Officer Nancy Barnhart was the lucky winner!

The Indiana Women's Prison Special Needs Workshop staff and offenders made and donated 20 graduation center pieces for the Correctional Training Institute.

The Re-Entry Parole District (PD1) has relocated to 2596 N. Girls' School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46214. The new telephone number is 317-244-3144 and the fax is 317-244-9006.

Indiana State Prison and Pendleton Juvenile were both treated to Super Bowl parties. 300 offenders and staff at ISP were served hot dogs, popcorn, and corn chips provided by ARAMARK, and 52 students at Pendleton were treated to Fresh Favorites(tm).

IREF held an MVP day, where for a small fee to benefit the Employee Appreciation Fund, staff were allowed to bring their most valuable pet to spend the day with them at work. Many of the 13 dogs sported Indianapolis Colt's gear.

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal." ~ Thomas Jefferson